

:010 15.615 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., as amended; Department of the Interior Appropriations, P.L.107-63.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To provide Federal financial assistance to any State or Territory (hereafter, "States"), through its appropriate State or territorial agency, to assist in the development of programs for the conservation of endangered and threatened species.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: The assistance provided to the State fish and wildlife agency can include animal, plant, and habitat surveys; research; planning; monitoring; habitat protection, restoration, management, and acquisition; and public education. Assistance is restricted to those State agencies with which the Fish and Wildlife Service has a current cooperative agreement for the species involved.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Participation limited to State agencies that have a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: All States that have entered into a cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: A current cooperative agreement(s) between the Secretary of the Interior and the State Conservation agency(ies) concerning endangered and threatened species is necessary. Costs will be determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 (of the common rule), identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs. Separate agreements for animals and plants are normally made with each State's responsible agency.

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Preapplication Coordination: The standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments," must be used for this program. This program is eligible for coverage under E. O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: A standard application for Federal Assistance is submitted. The project description section of the application should address the evaluation factors identified in the annual request for proposals.

:093 Award Procedure: Final selection is made by the Secretary of the Interior, based on recommendations by the Director or Regional Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Funds are obligated by signature on a project agreement.

:094 Deadlines: Variable. Contact the regional office for application deadlines.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Not applicable.

:096 Appeals: Decisions can be appealed to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Chief, Endangered Species Division of Consultation. Final determination rests with the Secretary of the Interior.

:097 Renewals: Renewals can be made through submission and approval of a project agreement.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: States may receive up to 75 percent of the program costs. When two or more States have a common interest in one or more endangered or threatened species and enter into a joint agreement, the Federal share may be 90 percent.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Any amount obligated to any State for any fiscal year remaining unused at end of the year is available to that State until the close of the succeeding fiscal year. Any amount obligated to any State that remains unused at the end of the succeeding fiscal year is available to the Service as reverted funds to conduct other section 6 programs.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: A performance report is required for each project segment within 90 days following the close of the segment.

:112 Audits: In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 24, 1997, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," non-federal entities that receive financial assistance of \$300,000 or more in Federal Awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Non-federal entities that expend less than \$300,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

:113 Records: Records must be maintained for 3 years following the submission of request for final reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-5143-0-2-303.

:122 Obligations: (Grants) FY 01 \$104,694,000; FY 02 est \$96,235,000; FY 03 est \$91,000,000

:123 Range of Financial Assistance: \$1,000 to \$14,362,500.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In fiscal year 2001, a total of \$104,694,000 was appropriated to the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) (Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act). This represented an increase of approximately \$82,000,000 over the FY 2000 appropriation, and allowed for the creation of four new grant programs in FY 2001: Recovery Land Acquisition, Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance, Safe Harbor, and Candidate Conservation Agreement Grants. Through the traditional Conservation Grants program, \$7,503,000 was allocated regionally based on the number of species covered under cooperative agreements within each region. An unprecedented \$68,773,000 in Habitat Conservation Planning (HCP) Land Acquisition Grant funding was used to fund 15 individual projects out of 17 proposals across 10 states. The new Recovery Land Acquisition Grant program (\$10,427,000) awarded 13 out of 46 proposals to provide project funding in 10 states. The new Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grant program awarded 24 out of 43 proposals to provide project funding in 14 states. For the Safe Harbor and Candidate Conservation Agreement Grant Programs, each was funded at \$4,740,000. In fiscal year 2002, the Service will provide \$7,520,000 to States for traditional Conservation Grants; \$6,650,000 for Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants; \$61,306,000 for HCP Land Acquisition Grants; and \$17,759,000 for Recovery Land Acquisition Grants. Funding through the Safe Harbor Grants and the Candidate Conservation Agreement Grants is not available in fiscal year 2002.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: Endangered Species Act, 50 CFR 81, Federal Aid Manual.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

:152 Headquarters Office: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW (MS-420 ARLSQ), Washington, DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Endangered Species: Division of Consultation, HCPs, Recovery and State Grants. Telephone: (703) 358-2171. Use the same number for FTS.

:153 Web Site Address: [HTTP://www.endangered.fws.gov](http://www.endangered.fws.gov).

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.605, Sport Fish Restoration; 15.611, Wildlife Restoration; 15.618, Administrative Grants for Federal Aid in Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration; 15.633 Landowner Incentive Program; 15.632 Conservation Grants - Private Stewardship for Imperiled Species.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: A variety of projects were funded through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund in FY 2001, including Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance grants to develop Habitat Conservation Plans across the country in areas ranging from the North Slope of Alaska to the islands of Hawaii, from the mountains of West Virginia to the forests of the Pacific Northwest. These HCPs will benefit a wide range of plants and animals, including the Houston toad in Texas, Ute ladies-tresses in Washington state, and the Florida golden aster in Florida. Most of the HCPs will address multiple species, many of them on a city, county or large watershed basis. Recovery Land Acquisition grants awarded in fiscal year 2001 will be used to acquire and protect important prairie, coastal, mountainous desert, cave, and riparian habitat, land that represents critical portions of species' last remaining habitat. Some of these acquisitions support many endangered species, as well as important habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife. For example, acquisition of property in Kern County, California benefits the largest known population of the Kern primrose sphinx moth by securing protection for an area that is the only place this species has been sighted in the past 20 years. In Tennessee, acquisition of a 25-acre site will protect one of only five known populations of the endangered Tennessee coneflower. HCP Land Acquisitions in fiscal year 2001 will be used to help acquire vital habitat for threatened and endangered species ranging from loggerhead turtles in Florida to imperiled songbirds in Texas. The lands acquired under the HCP Land Acquisition program are purchased only from willing sellers, and are intended to complement but do not replace the conservation responsibilities contained in a HCP.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: Proposals for grant funding must be submitted by the State fish and wildlife agency. The State must have an approved cooperative agreement with the Secretary of the Interior which provides for sharing responsibilities for endangered species, prior to receiving Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (section 6 of the Endangered Species Act) funds. Individual project proposals must compete with other State submissions for funding.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1456;1458;2356;2358

:330 BENEFICIARIES:

:340 FUNCTIONS: BN;QO

:350 CIRCULARS: EO12372

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 100*478

:510 STATUTES:

:520 U.S. CODES: *16*1361

:530 MATCHING REQTS: 34

:540 GRANTS: 13520;22520;62173

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE:

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

Fish and wildlife
conservation
endangered, threatened species
research
habitat management
wildlife research
Land acquisition
Habitat conservation planning
Candidate species
Habitat Restoration
Monitoring
Habitat protection
Surveys
Planning

:700 FORMULA NARRATIVE:

:710 MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURE:

:720 DEFINITIONS:

:730 DATA SOURCE(S):

:740 CONTACT PERSON:

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